



### ADMINISTRATION

#### Arts Commission Vacancy

The City is currently accepting applications to fill a position to serve on the City of Brentwood Arts Commission. The Arts Commission, which meets on the third Wednesday of each month, serves the City Council as an advisory commission, making recommendations related to the arts. Applications must be received by Friday, April 19, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. by either mailing or hand-delivering to the City Clerk's Office at 150 City Park Way, by emailing to [webcityclerk@brentwoodca.gov](mailto:webcityclerk@brentwoodca.gov), or by faxing to (925) 516-5441. For more information, please contact Poldina Scherff at (925) 516-5444.

#### Science on Saturday Returning to Brentwood

On Saturday, April 20, the Lawrence Livermore National Lab will hold its Science on Saturday program in the Brentwood Community Center (35 Oak Street), from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Although aimed at middle and high school students, this event will provide Brentwood residents of all ages the chance to learn from Lab scientists about artificial retinas – technology that provides sight to people with certain types of blindness. For more information, please see the attached flyer.

### COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

#### Downtown Leasing Activity

Downtown Brentwood continues to experience new property sales, leases, renovations, and other business activity. Some of the new retail tenants include the following:

- *Wholesale Patio Store* – a high-end furniture store – has leased 5,900 square feet at 234 Oak Street (the long-vacant “Brentwood Liquors” building), and is scheduled to open in June.
- *Brentwood Dog House* – a hot dog restaurant – opened on March 30 and is also located at 234 Oak Street.
- *Moxy Boutique* – a women's clothing/accessories store – opened in December at 312 Oak Street.
- *Boards N' More* – featuring sporting goods, women's clothing, and swimwear – opened in January at 306 Oak Street.
- *Presence* – a gift shop – opened March 30 at 236 Oak Street.
- *What A Grind Coffee House* – which also offers sandwiches, bagels and pastries – opened in December at 761 Second Street.

In addition, two law firms – *Alvis-Franz Associates* and the *Law Office of Frank L. Botti* – have opened at McCauley Plaza (613 First Street).

## The Grove at Sunset Court

The Grove at Sunset Court project is progressing as installation of sheetrock; HVAC systems; and mechanical, electrical and plumbing infrastructure continues. The fire-sprinkler system is being installed in the on-site community center. The project is on schedule and is expected to be completed by mid-September.

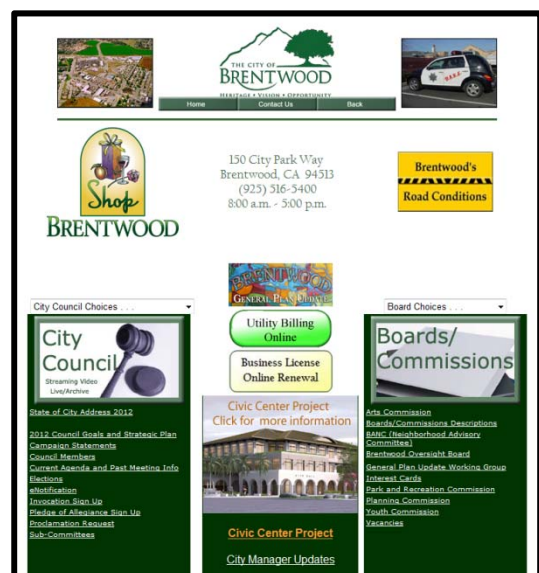


*Installation of the fire-sprinkler system in the community center*

## FINANCE AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS

### Website Redesign Project

At the March 26 City Council meeting, City Council adopted a Resolution authorizing execution of an agreement with Civica Software, allowing the City to move forward with the website redesign project. This project will enable the City to present a fresh look and feel to the City's website, as well as provide information in a new, updated format that accommodates the largest audience and range of web-enabled devices possible. Staff anticipates the new website to be rolled out by November of this year.



### **PARKS AND RECREATION**

#### **Teen Town Hall Forum**

The Brentwood Youth Commission strives to stay relevant in the community by providing services, programs and information that benefit youth. To better represent middle and high school aged students, the 2012-2013 Youth Commission will host a town hall style event, the Teen Town Hall Forum, scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 10, 2013, at the Brentwood Community Center (35 Oak Street). Brentwood youth attending the event will learn who and what the Youth Commission is, share activity ideas and other topics important to teens and pre-teens, participate in a short survey, and interact with the Youth Commission to suggest ways the Commission can be more proactive for youth in Brentwood. The Youth Commission will use the information garnered at the forum to direct their goals and ideas for the next school year. For more information, please contact staff liaison Barbie Gary at (925) 516-5366.

#### **Brentwood Community Center Public Art Walls Exhibit**

The second public art walls exhibit is now on display through June 21, 2013. Artists that are exhibiting on the first floor include Brian Carleton of Brentwood (oil), Joyce Marlene Carroll-Oetgen of Brentwood (pen and ink/mixed medium), and Beverly C. Turner of Brentwood (mixed media ceramics). On the second floor, Heritage High School Visual Art Students are displaying their drawings, paintings, and photography. The Brentwood Community Center, located at 35 Oak Street, is open to the public Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

#### **Water Features in Parks**

All parks with water features have undergone their annual routine maintenance, and are open for the public to enjoy. These parks include City Park, Blue Goose, Kaleidoscope, Mallard, and Rainbows End. Water play features are operational from 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. daily from April 1 until October 31, when they are shut down for five months due to reduced demand during the cold weather. For more information, please contact Parks & Recreation at (925) 516-5444.

#### **Utility Box Art Project**

The Liberty Union High School Arts and Humanities Academy utility box public art project is making great progress. This agricultural themed project was approved by City Council in November 2012, and is the second project the Academy has provided to the community (the first being the King Park Mural, completed last year).

The completed box shown here is at the corner of Second Street and Pine Street. Additional utility boxes are expected to be completed this month.



### **PUBLIC WORKS**

#### **LED Street Light Conversion – Phase I**

Work will resume on the LED Street Light Conversion project the week of April 8. The contractor will begin replacing the existing streetlights with LED luminaires on Sand Creek Road from Brentwood Boulevard to the Streets of Brentwood; Walnut Boulevard from Oak Street to



## CITY MANAGER WEEKLY UPDATE

*For Week Ending April 5, 2013*

Paul Eldredge, City Manager

city limit; and Fairview Avenue from Concord Avenue to Grant Street. The City began the project by replacing all the lights on Balfour Road, which was completed mid-January. The delay between that phase and the work described above was due to the City wanting to seek feedback from the public and the material being ordered for the remaining work. The project is funded through a no-cost loan from PG&E, which will be paid through savings from the energy usage, and is estimated to be complete by the end of April, weather permitting.

### Compost for City Residents

In honor of Earth Day (April 22), the City is offering approximately 100 cubic yards of compost, free of charge, to city residents. The compost is provided as a courtesy by Republic Services, the City's service provider for transporting disposal to landfills, and is available on a first-come, first-serve basis, while quantities last. Residents will need to check in at the City's Public Works Corporation Yard located at 2201 Elkins Way, Warehouse Receiving, between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Proof of residency (identification showing Brentwood address or City utility bill) will be required and residents must sign a waiver prior to loading the compost into their own vehicles.

Compost bins are also available through the City for a cost of \$55 each. To make arrangements to purchase and pick up a compost bin or for more information about the compost, contact Solid Waste Operations at (925) 516-6090.

Additional information on purchasing compost bins and composting classes that are offered free of charge through Contra Costa County is available on the City's website at: <http://www.brentwoodca.gov/departments/pw/operations/solidwaste/workshops.cfm>.

### PG&E Pipeline Safety Enhancement Plan Update

As a part of PG&E's multi-year Pipeline Safety Enhancement Plan, PG&E is replacing an old existing gas pipeline with a new 24-inch gas pipeline in Fairview Avenue. PG&E is currently working from southbound Central Boulevard to Balfour Road, and Balfour Road to Arlington Way. Traffic delays and detours should be expected in these areas between the working hours of 7:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Also, the contractor will be working in the intersection of Fairview Avenue and Balfour Road at night between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. beginning Sunday, April 7 for approximately one week. The intersection work is occurring at night to minimize impacts to daytime vehicular and pedestrian traffic, and to minimize impacts to nearby commercial businesses. City staff will be monitoring this area, and may adjust working hours, based on the progress of the construction and any feedback received from the businesses and residences. Detours will be in place and traffic delays should be expected. For more information please contact Tony Del Greco of PG&E at (510) 846-1397. The latest traffic alert information associated with this work can be found on the City's website by clicking on the following link: [Road Conditions](#).

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LAWRENCE LIVERMORE NATIONAL LABORATORY PRESENTS

# SCIENCE ON SATURDAY

## RESTORING SIGHT TO THE BLIND

### BRIDGING THE MEDICAL GAP WITH TECHNOLOGY

Sat Pannu, Section Leader for Micro- and Nano-Technology

Sarah Felix, Mechanical Engineer

Kedar Shah, Mechanical Engineer

Heeral Sheth, Biomedical Engineer

Vanessa Tolosa, Chemical Engineer

Angela Tooker, Electrical Engineer



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City of Brentwood

**LOCATION: Community Center - 35 Oak Street - Brentwood, CA 94513-1164**

**DATE: April 20, 2013**

**TIME: 9:30 – 11:00 A.M.**

Students, teachers and parents are invited to attend Science on Saturday (SOS). SOS provides science talks with demonstrations highlighting cutting edge science at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL).

**FREE OF CHARGE**

